U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of CRYSTAL SMITH <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, MAIN POST OFFICE, Washington, D.C.

Docket No. 96-1633; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 12, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof to establish that she sustained an injury while in the performance of duty.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal, and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated February 21, 1996 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated February 21, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. March 12, 1998

> Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member